

# **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus for multiple host access to a storage medium from a first and a second hosts, comprising a first and a second hot swap/hot plug interfaces for respectively  
5 interfacing to the first and the second hosts and a storage interface for interfacing to the storage medium. The apparatus is controlled so that, when only one of the first and the second host is effectively interfaced with the apparatus, the storage medium is appended to the  
10 effectively interfaced host and the apparatus provides access to the storage medium from the effectively interfaced host, and when both the first and the second hosts are effectively interfaced with the apparatus, the storage medium is appended to one of the first and the second hosts  
15 and the apparatus provides bridging between the first and the second hosts as well as access to the storage medium from both the first and the second hosts.